

IDOC Commissioner Recognizes Outstanding Employees at Awards Luncheon

Merrillville, Indiana (October 9, 2008)—During the annual Indiana Correctional Association (ICA) conference in Merrillville, Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Edwin G. Buss took time to honor and congratulate outstanding employee performances.

Most notably, Commissioner Buss named Correctional Industrial Facility the 2008 Facility of the Year for its collaboration with the public and community in aiding the re-entry process and for its demonstration that its morale, programs, efficiency, and standards of excellence are the best in corrections in Indiana.



Deputy Commissioner of Operations Cecil Davis, Commissioner Buss, Correctional Industrial Facility Superintendent Tom Hanlon, Chief of Staff Dan Ronay, and Southern Regional Director Stan Knight show of the Facility of the Year award.

Also, Gregory Cress, superintendent of the South Bend Community Re-entry Center, won the 2008 Superintendent of the Year award for his skills, knowledge, judgment, and communications that have made a positive impact on offenders, staff, the agency, and the community.



Commissioner Buss, Superintendent Gregory Cress, Deputy Commissioner Davis, and Chief of Staff Ronay show off the Superintendent of the Year award.

Other award winners included:

Correctional Professional of the Year – Lynda Sward, Westville Correctional Facility
 Corrections Supervisor Award – Tyese Boone, South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility
 Employee of the Year – James Davis, PEN Products
 Administrative Support Award – Michelle Rains, Pendleton Correctional Facility
 Parole Employees of the Year – Stacy Doane-Selmier and John Turkupolis, Indianapolis Parole District #3
 Physical Plant Employee of the Year – Alex McEathron, Westville Correctional Facility
 Distinguished Service Award – Elaine Zschoche, Westville Correctional Facility
 Rising Star Award – Michael Organ, Rockville Correctional Facility
 Chaplain of the Year – William Babb, Miami Correctional Facility
 Human Resources Employee of the Year – Anthony Goffinet, Branchville Correctional Facility
 Finance Employee of the Year – Carmen Babb, Miami Correctional Facility
 Re-entry/Case Management Employee of the Year – Kathy Alvey, Branchville Correctional Facility

“Without a doubt, the Indiana Department of Correction has phenomenal employees who put their hearts and souls into their work day in and day out. Being able to recognize that hard work and say thanks to those who have gone above and beyond is one of the joys of being Commissioner of this agency,” said Commissioner Buss.



Employees enjoy the Commissioner's Awards Luncheon.

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